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Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur for Follow-up on Concluding Observations of the Committee against Torture, I have the honor to refer to the follow-up to the examination of the fourth periodic report of Liechtenstein, in accordance with the Guidelines for Follow-Up to Concluding Observations (CAT/C/55/3).

At the end of its 56th session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. The Committee's concluding observations (CAT/C/LIE/CO/4, para. 28) requested the State Party to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 11, 17, 21 and 27 of the concluding observations.

On behalf of the Committee, allow me to express appreciation for your letter of 21 December 2016, providing your Government's response on the above-mentioned paragraphs (CAT/C/LIE/CO/4/Add.1), and to make the following comments:

Incorporation into domestic law of a distinct crime of torture (para. 11)

The Committee appreciates the information provided by the State party with regard to the efforts undertaken in order to incorporate into its Criminal Code a distinct crime of torture. It considers, however, that further substantive action is needed in order to fully implement its recommendation, in particular with regard to the guarantee that there will not be a statute of limitations for the crime of torture (3/B2).

Policy of health services in Vaduz National Prison (para. 17)

While the Committee appreciates the information provided by the State party, it remains concerned about the lack of medical examination of new inmates within 24 hours of arrival in the detention facility. It is also concerned that there has been no improvement in the work and leisure activities for prisoners with a view to facilitating their re-incorporation into society (2/B2)

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Action plan on violence against women and gender-sensitive approach to asylum-seekers (para. 21)

The Committee appreciates the extensive information provided by the State party with regard to the gender-sensitive approach to examining asylum claims and the information concerning the working group to study the consistency of national laws and practices with the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention). However, it regrets that no action has been taken to put in place a new action plan on violence against women (3/B1).

Training on the prohibition of torture (para. 27)

While the Committee appreciates the information provided by the State party, it regrets the absence of information on the training of medical professionals and other public officials who deal with persons deprived of their liberty on the Manual of the Effective Investigation and Documentation of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Istanbul Protocol). Furthermore, the Committee regrets the lack of specific methodologies to assess both the effectiveness and impact of such training on the reduction of cases of torture and ill-treatment (2/B2).

The Government of Liechtenstein is encouraged to provide additional information, if any, which may further contribute to the Committee's analysis of the progress made regarding the specific issues of concern. This additional information may be provided in any subsequent report by the State party pursuant to the Committee's request in its concluding observations on the fourth periodic report of Liechtenstein.

The Committee looks forward to a continued constructive dialogue with the authorities of Liechtenstein on the implementation of the Convention.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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